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SUBJECT:OECD MARITIME TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 1

1. AGENDA (MT/A(73)3) OKAY.
2. SUMMARY RECORDS (MT/A(73)2 AND CONFIDENTIAL ANNEX) ARE SATISFACTORY FROM US STANDPOINT.
3. REVIEW OF SHIPPING SITUATION AND DEVELOPMENTS IN FREIGHT MARKET (MT(73)6) MAY BE NOTED.
4. USDEL MAY JOIN IN NOTING REPORT ON GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS (MT(73)7).
5. US HAS NO OBJECTION TO SECRETARIAT PREPARING STUDY AS OUTLINED ANNEX I, DAF/MTC/73.39 FOR ANNUAL OECD MTC REPORT. US HAS NO ALTERNATIVE TO PUT FORWARD AND REMAINS DUBIOUS AS TO PRACTICABILITY OF SECRETARIAT'S PREVIOUS SUGGESTION

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THAT EACH MEMBER COUNTRY PROVIDE SUITABLE TEXT (E.G. STUDY

OF INTEREST ON MARITIME PROBLEM A MEMBER NATION MAY HAVE UNDERTAKEN) FOR A SPECIAL CHAPTER IN PLACE OF THE OECD NATIONAL SHIPPING ACCOUNTS STUDY.

6. USDEL MAY RELY ON OWN EXPERTISE DURING CONSULTATION EXERCISE ON MEMBER COUNTRIES' SHIPPING POLICIES (DAF/MTC/73.45 AND ADDENDA). DURING DISCUSSION OF QUESTION II (RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION), USDEL SHOULD POINT OUT THAT DATA ON US FLAG LINER CARGO CARRIAGE IN US USSR TRADE CONSISTS WHOLLY OF TRANSSHIPPED CARGOES AS HERE IS NO DIRECT US LINER SERVICE TO THE USSR AT THIS TIME.

7. SHIPPING POLICY MATTERS (DAF/MTC/73.35). USDEL MAY REPORT ON SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS OF INTEREST SINCE THE LAST MTC MEETING REGARDING THE MARITIME POLICIES OF BRAZIL, ARGENTINA, VENEZUELA, SRI LANKA AND GHANA, AND PROVIDE THE SECRETARIAT WITH COPIES OF PERTINENT LEGISLATION AS APPROPRIATE. ON US SHIPPING POLICY MATTERS USDEL MAY COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING: A) REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS UNDER US-USSR MARITIME AGREEMENT, INCLUDING SCHEDULED MARITIME TALKS IN WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 12-25; B) THE QUESTION OF REPEALING THE SHIPPING PROVISIONS OF THE DOMESTIC INTERNATIONAL SALES CORPORATION LEGISLATION IS STILL UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION; C) OIL IMPORT LEGISLATION: HR 8193 AND S 2089. HEARINGS ON THE HOUSE BILL ARE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 9-11 AND 16; D) INTERMODAL BILL. HR 8097. NO HEARINGS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED YET AND IT IS UNLIKELY COMMITTEE HEARINGS WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE SECOND SESSION OF THE CURRENT CONGRESS NEXT YEAR; E) SUPERPORT BILL. HR 7051. COMMITTEE HEARINGS ON ANTI-TRUST, REGULATORY, DIPLOMATIC AND SAFETY ASPECTS OF SUPERPORT FACILITIES ARE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 2-3.

8. UNCTAD. DURING GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON FORTHCOMING UNCTAD MEETINGS, USDEL SHOULD UTILIZE GUIDANCE (SEPTELS) PROVIDED FOR MTC SPECIAL GROUP MEETINGS ON CODE (OCT. 2-6) AND CONTAINERS, OCTOBER 9.

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9. OTHER BUSINESS. THE SECRETARIAT MAY RECOMMEND NEXT MTC MEETING BE HELD IN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY, 1974 PRIOR TO THE MARCH UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING. IT IS ALSO PROBABLE THAT FURTHER SESSIONS OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE AND THE WORKING GROUP ON CONTAINER TRANSPORT WILL BE SCHEDULED. USDEL MAY SUPPORT ANY PROPOSALS FOR DATES OF MEETINGS BUT SHOULD URGE THAT MTC AND

OTHER MEETINGS BE SCHEDULED TO RUN CONSECUTIVELY SO AS TO  
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